

Global Multi Media Service Method and Apparatus

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The present invention provides techniques for accessing multi media
information. Specific embodiments include systems, apparatuses, methods, and software
that provide access to information from disparate resources. The present invention
provides a web tuner system that provides access to multiple kinds of media through a
single interface in an exemplary embodiment. The web tuner system comprises
10 equipment which can be located at a home, home office or small business office. The
equipment provides a panel that displays media information, and a remote control with
which the user may select media to receive. The user may also input information about
various kinds of media of interest. The web tuner receives multiple types of media, such
as television, radio broadcast, and Internet based information, such as from the world
15 wide web. The information is output into external equipment of various types, such as
television, for example. Accordingly, the web tuner provides a media type independent
interface and control for receiving information, so that the user is able to operate a single
interface to receive multiple types of media.

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